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REMARKS

Claims 39 to 68 were pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 39 to 68, without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the canceled subject matter in future continuation or divisional applications. Also by this Amendment, Applicants have added new claims 69 to 102. New claims 69-102 are well-supported by the original filed application and therefore there is no issue of new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the Amendment. Upon entry, claims 69 to 102 are pending and under examination.

New claims 69-102 have incorporated the Examiner's suggestions provided during a telephone conference between the Examiner and the Office of the Applicants' undersigned attorney on January 25, 2007. Applicants believe that new claims 69-102 have addressed all of the Examiner's concerns. As a result of the cancellation of the claims 39-68, the grounds of objection and rejection raised in the November 28, 2006 Final Office Action have become moot. Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw all of the objections and rejections previously directed to claims 39 to 68.

At the Examiner's suggestion during the above-mentioned telephone conference, the ending of claims 69 and 71 recites "and SO₂NHR, where R is H or alkyl" because SO₂NHR is part of a group to be selected for R₃ to R₉. Claims 70, 74, 78, 82, 86, 90, 96 and 100 recite "further comprising contacting cells with". Claims 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92 and 102 recite "further comprising administering to said mammals". Also, claim 98 recites "further comprising administering to said mammals or subject".

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CONCLUSION

Applicants contend that the Amendment has fully addressed the Examiner's concerns and there is no additional issue. This application is therefore in full compliance with all requirements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to place this application in conditions for allowance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

If additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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